GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4398
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AFFORESTATION IN MAHARASHTRA
NAMDEO HARBAJI DIWATHE

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently reviewed the programme/schemes/ projects for afforestation in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated, released and actually utilised for the last three years, year-wise; and project-wise alongwith physical and other related achievements;

(c) the details of action plan finalised for 2000-2001 for Maharashtra and allocation of funds therefor; and

(d) the details of fresh proposals received from the State Government and action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) The ongoing afforestation programmes, schemes and projects are reviewed periodically for the entire country, including Maharashtra.

(b) & (c) Details of central assistance (CA) allocated, released and utilised along with physical achievements, year-wise, scheme-wise, for the last three years, and amount allocated for 2000-01, for Maharashtra under the afforestation schemes of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, are given in Annexure.

(d) Maharashtra Forestry Project - Phase II titled `Natural Forest Management Project` has been forwarded to the World Bank for possible external assistance. Area proposed to be covered under this project is 2.34 million hectares, which is about 42% of the forest area of the State, with an investment of 599.30 crore over 7 years.

Annexure in respect of parts (b) and (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4398 for 24/4/2000 regarding Afforestation in Maharashtra.

Statement showing details of central assistance (CA) allocated, released and utilised along with physical achievements, year-wise, scheme-wise, for the last three years, and amount allocated for 2000-01 for Maharashtra under the afforestation schemes of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

(Physical Achievements in Hectares) (Central Assistance (CA) Allocated, Released and Utilised in lakh Rupees)

Year : 1997-98

Scheme	CA Allocated	CA Released	CA Utilised+	Physical Achievements
IAEPS	174.29	71.46	9.99	Advance Work
AOFFP	32.93	75.00	32.92	1606
NTFP	77.51	38.51	16.77	310

Year : 1998-99

IAEPS	257.83	84.28	9.19	300
AOFFP	71.30	27.91	71.30	Advance Work
NTFP	90.08	48.66	5.86	66
ASTRP	21.53	5.00	5.00	236

Year : 1999-2000 and Allocation for 2000-01

Scheme	1999-2000 CA Allocated	CA Released	CA Utilised+	Physical Achts	2000-01 Allocation
IAEPS	268.45	17.18	52.46	not reported	267.22
AOFFP	126.61	120.91	30.35	1712	153.51
NTFP	102.59	0.00	8.07	not reported	109.69
ASTRP	42.94	37.94	37.94	240	50.78

Note: + CA utilised includes CA carried forward from previous year(s).

Schemes:

IAEPS : Integrated Afforestation & Eco Development Projects Scheme
AOFFPS : Area Oriented Fuelwood & Fodder Projects Scheme
NTFP : Conservation and Development of Non-Timber Forest Produce including Medicinal Plants
ASRTP : Association of Scheduled Tribes and Rural Poor in Regeneration of Degraded Forest Areas on Usufruct Sharing Basis.